

REMARKS

Applicants request favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 15-26 are pending in this application, with Claims 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 26 being independent. Claims 15-21 have been allowed.

Claims 1-3 and 5-8 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 15-21 have been amended and Claims 22-26 have been added. Applicants submit that support for the amendments and the new claims can be found in the original disclosure, and therefore no new matter has been added.

Applicants appreciate the indication that Claims 15-21 have been allowed. Applicants submit that the amendments made to those claims do not affect their allowability.

Claims 1-3 and 5-8 were rejected under 35.U.S.C. §103 over U.S. Patent No. 6,222,937 B1 (Cohen, et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,064,749 (Hirota, et al.). Applicants submit that that rejection is moot since those claims have been cancelled.

Applicants submit that newly-presented Claims 22-26 are also patentable over the art of record. Claim 22 recites a storing unit adapted to store a real space image obtained by sensing a real space before markers are laid out as a texture image and a replacing unit adapted to replace marker regions in the real space image with corresponding regions in the texture image or superimpose the corresponding regions in the texture image on the marker regions in the real space image. Claims 23 and 26 recite similar features. Applicants submit that the cited art fails to disclose or suggest at least these features.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, entry of this Amendment, withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Office Action, and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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